

**Community Development Committee  
Regular Meeting  
October 18, 2002 - 8:30 a.m.  
Tribal Office Boardroom**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Committee Chairman Gene Caldwell called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Those present: Dave Corn, Wendell Askenette, Jim Horton, Bernard Vigue, Pat Corn, Susan Waukau and Dave Grignon. Also present for the meeting was, Shawn Klemens, Andy Warrington, Jetta Coon, Frieda Bergeon, Debra Mahkimetas and Gary Besaw.

**2. Moment of Silence** - Dave Grignon said an opening prayer.

Motion made by Jim Horton to suspend the agenda and go to item nine other business. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.

**9. Other Business**

Last night at the Menominee Tribal Legislature meeting some of the elders from Neopit/Zoar area came to the meeting to express their concerns over not being able to use the bus that was supposed to be for them. The issue was sent to this committee to discuss and Jetta Coon, Aging Division and Shawn Klemens, Transportation were called into the meeting.

Jetta explained that the elders did not like the van they were using because it was uncomfortable and they didn't feel safe.

Shawn explained that his department is in charge of the bus because it alleviates the financial burden off from Jetta's budget. The reason they are forced to use the van is because the elders want a specific bus driver that accommodates them more and that person does not have their CDL which is required to drive a bus. Shawn stated that they could use their own bus starting Monday but they still won't have the driver they want.

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue that the Director of Aging and Transportation meet with the Elders to explain the transportation issue and that the issue go to the Health & Family Committee. Motion seconded by Jim Horton. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

Andy Warrington from Community Development was present and informed the committee that he did an inspection on a trailer house at Rollman Homes and could not pass it. There were no water & sewer hook-ups and Andy wasn't able to do a full inspection and so there was only a structural inspection done. Andy could not pass it because the trailer is 14'x 76' when the ordinance states that it has to be 17' x 70' and because the trailer is a 1982 model and they can't approve anything older than five years old.

Jim Horton stated that the zoning ordinance actually stated that 17'70' recommended but not required of the mobile home but it is a requirement of the stand.

**Motion made by Wendell Askenette that it go back to inspection making sure there is no aluminum wiring and that the money for the sewer & water be there before the trailer is put on the lot. NO SECOND. MOTION DIED.**

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the issue. Committee would like Andy to go back and complete the inspection by checking the wiring and the heating, etc and come back to the committee for approval so that the owners can obtain a zoning variance.

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue that the electrical be inspected and the heating be checked and that the results of the inspection come back to the committee for approval. Motion seconded by Jim Horton. All those in favor signify by saying aye,**

**6-for, 0-opposed, 1-abstention (Wendell Askenette). Motion carried.**

Chairman Gene Caldwell stated that the public needs to be aware that there are procedures that need to be followed before they run out and buy a trailer home.

**Motion made by Pat Corn that Community Development put something in the Menominee Nation News (preferably the free issue that goes to all tribal members) informing people they HAVE to go through a process before they purchase trailers. Motion seconded by Susan Waukau. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

Carmen Granados a tribal member that resides in Racine was present to discuss with the committee a business proposal to start a bottled water plant on the reservation. Carmen stated that she is a Farm worker Programs Manager in Milwaukee along with being a full time student attending Cardinal Stritch and studying for her BS degree in Business Management.

Carmen stated that she has always had an interest in owning/operating her own business on the reservation. The bottled water business would build economic development without harming the natural environment, create job opportunities and develop job training opportunities.

Carmen stated that she is not looking for the tribe to put any money into the business but would be a partner because the plant would be on the reservation.

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue that Dave Corn and Lew Boyd work with Carmen Granados and gather some more data. NO SECOND, MOTION DIED.**

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the issue and suggested that Carmen go to Land Use to see what if any land is available, Forestry, Environmental Services to see if it is feasible to have a plant on the reservation without hurting the environment and Historic Preservation to make sure the land has an archeological study done on it.

Committee stated that they need a lot more information from Carmen before they even consider the proposal. Committee would like a cost analysis, need to know how much water will be used per day, how many jobs will be created, how much land will be needed, how much money will the tribe receive for the business, will putting a bottled water plant here deplete the reservations water supply.

Committee informed Carmen that when she gets some of these questions answered she can bring the proposal back to the committee for consideration.

Motion made by Jim Horton to go back to agenda number three. Motion seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.

**3. Review Minutes Dated September 20, and October 7, 2002**

Motion made by Jim Horton to approve the minutes from September 20 and October 7, 2002. Motion seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.

**4. Committee Mission Statement**

Committee briefly reviewed the one paragraph summary of what the committee hopes to do.

**Motion made by Jim Horton to approve the committee Mission Statement. Motion seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

5. **Loan Fund-Accounts Receivable/Tom Litzow**

Tom Litzow, Loan Fund Director was unable to attend the meeting due to the fact he had a medical appointment in Milwaukee.

Motion made by Dave Corn to table the issue until next meeting. Motion seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.

6. **Dump Issue**

Bernard Vigue stated that the solid waste portion of the dump will have to be closed because he just doesn't have the money in the budget to keep it open and the County will not help because there is curb side garbage pickup and residents should be using that. Currently the site is costing Community Development \$20,000 per year and it's basically duplicating services with having curb side pick up.

Committee was concerned that the with the dump site closing, there will be a lot of people dumping garbage in the woods and in other areas.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding people having to purchase permits to dump garbage and only people with the permits will be allowed to dump there. Another suggestion was to make only non-Menominee's purchase the permit.

Bernard will come up with some recommendations and bring them back at the next meeting.

7. **Supermarket's Financial Status**

Bernard Vigue informed the committee that the Supermarket is basically a break even business and the reason it's not making any money is because of the location. Bernard is waiting for the plans for the mini mall and the possibility of moving the supermarket.

8. **Overtime Issue/Dave Corn**

Dave is concerned that his employee's can't collect overtime for the times they are called on weekends or on their days off.

**Motion made by Jim Horton to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that the Tribal Utility Department be exempt from the overtime directive. Motion seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

10. **Adjournment**

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to adjourn. Motion seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at Noon.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services